

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: HOULTON ENTERPRISES, INC., D/B/A EZ PHONE CONNECTIONS	DOCKET NO. TCU-99-10
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ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

(Issued May 28, 1999)

On April 15, 1999, Houlton Enterprises, Inc. (Houlton), d/b/a EZ Phone Connections, filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to IOWA CODE § 476.29 (1999). Houlton intends to provide resold local exchange service in the exchange areas currently served by US West Communications Inc., and GTE Midwest Incorporated. No objections were filed.

IOWA CODE § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Utilities Board (Board) finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with public interest." The Board has carefully reviewed Houlton's application and finds Houlton has demonstrated that it has the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service. It is in the public interest to grant a certificate to Houlton. The Board will require Houlton to file a statement regarding the availability of a 2-PIC methodology for dialing parity.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Houlton Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a EZ Phone Connections, on April 15, 1999, is granted, subject to the requirements that follow.

2. At the time Houlton files tariffs with the Board, it shall file a statement that a 2-PIC methodology for dialing parity is available for all customers.

3. At the time Houlton files tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers. Upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa offered by Houlton, upon approval of maps and other documentation which will define the service territory where Houlton desires to serve all eligible customers, and upon approval of Houlton's statement regarding dialing parity, the Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing Houlton to provide local exchange service in Iowa.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 28th day of May, 1999.